

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
v.  
ALKIS NAKOS  
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\* 14-cr-93-01-LM  
\* August 20, 2015  
\* 9:15 a.m.  
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DAY 3 - MORNING SESSION  
TRANSCRIPT OF TRIAL  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE LANDYA B. MCCAFFERTY  
AND A JURY

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<u>Witness</u>	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Cross</u>	<u>Redirect</u>	<u>Recross</u>
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GREGORY KEANE

By Ms. Ollila	3			
By Mr. Sheketoff		11		

MICHAEL BERNTSEN

By Ms. Ollila	13			
By Mr. Sheketoff	(no questions)			

DAVID WALSH

By Ms. Ollila	23			
By Mr. Sheketoff	(no questions)			

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1                               BEFORE THE COURT

2                       THE COURT:   Good morning, members of the jury.  
3   We are going to have two witnesses, they will be very  
4   brief, and because we have to move evidence in and out  
5   of the courtroom we're going to take a brief break after  
6   the second witness and get you right back in, all right?

7                       THE CLERK:   The Court has before it for  
8   consideration today, jury trial day three, in criminal  
9   case 14-cr-93-01-LM, United States of America versus  
10   Alkis Nakos.

11                      THE COURT:   All right, Attorney Ollila.

12                      MS. OLLILA:   Thank you very much, your Honor.  
13   The United States calls Massachusetts State Trooper  
14   Gregory Keane.

15                      THE CLERK:   Please remain standing and raise  
16   your right hand.

17                               GREGORY KEANE

18                      having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

19                      THE CLERK:   Please be seated.   For the record,  
20   could you please state your name and spell your last  
21   name.

22                      THE WITNESS:   My name is Trooper Gregory  
23   Keane.   Last name is K-E-A-N-E.

24                               DIRECT EXAMINATION

25   BY MS. OLLILA:

1 Q. Good morning, trooper.

2 A. Good morning, ma'am.

3 Q. You just said you are a trooper. In what  
4 state do you serve as a trooper?

5 A. Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

6 Q. How long have you been a state trooper in  
7 Massachusetts?

8 A. Sixteen years.

9 Q. What's your rank?

10 A. Trooper.

11 Q. Where are you currently assigned?

12 A. I'm currently assigned to the Special  
13 Operation Section K9 Division.

14 Q. What is that?

15 A. It's a specialty unit where I'm assigned a K9  
16 and I go on patrol.

17 Q. Do you have a K9?

18 A. I do.

19 Q. And what's the name of your K9?

20 A. My current K9 name is Tippit.

21 Q. Do you have a toy for Tippit as a reward?

22 A. I do.

23 Q. What's the toy?

24 A. It is a fire hose.

25 Q. Is that a common toy for a K9?

1 A. It's simple and cheap, ma'am.

2 Q. How were you assigned on December 23rd, 2008?

3 A. I was assigned to the same jurisdiction. I  
4 was assigned a K9. I was working an evening patrol  
5 which is assigned from 3:00 in the afternoon until  
6 11 a.m. at night.

7 Q. Did you get a call from law enforcement to  
8 assist?

9 A. I did, ma'am.

10 Q. What happened?

11 A. I received a phone call. I was asked if I  
12 could assist with an investigation. I was given the  
13 opportunity to observe a motor vehicle that they had  
14 described to me, I observed the motor vehicle make an  
15 infraction, and I stopped the motor vehicle.

16 Q. Did you approach the motor vehicle?

17 A. I did, ma'am.

18 Q. Did you obtain identification documents from  
19 the driver?

20 A. I did.

21 Q. What was the name of the driver?

22 A. Trevor Allain.

23 Q. What did you do at that point in time?

24 A. As I was speaking with Mr. Allain I could  
25 smell an overwhelming odor of marijuana coming from

1 inside the vehicle. After I had his identification and  
2 registration I went back to my cruiser and requested  
3 another trooper to assist me.

4 Q. What kind of car was he driving?

5 A. It was a blue Nissan Quest.

6 Q. Could you see anything inside the Nissan  
7 Quest?

8 A. I did. As I approached the vehicle from the  
9 passenger side I observed several large boxes in the  
10 rear of the vehicle.

11 Q. What did you do after you spoke with him  
12 briefly?

13 A. I asked Mr. Allain if he had any weapons or  
14 narcotics in the car and he said no.

15 Q. Then what did you do?

16 A. I went back to my cruiser and requested  
17 another trooper.

18 Q. And did another trooper show up?

19 A. He did.

20 Q. What did that second trooper do?

21 A. That trooper arrived on-scene and observed my  
22 interaction with Mr. Allain.

23 Q. At some point in time was Mr. Allain's car  
24 searched?

25 A. It was.

1 Q. What was found?

2 A. Eight boxes which contained marijuana.

3 Q. Was the marijuana tested?

4 A. It was.

5 Q. Did it test positive for the presence of  
6 marijuana in the approximate amount of 200 pounds?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. The boxes themselves, did they have a label on  
9 them?

10 A. They did.

11 Q. What was the label?

12 A. They were Home Depot boxes.

13 Q. Sir, I'm showing you what has been marked as  
14 Government's Exhibit 5h-2, 5h-3 and 5h-1. Let me ask  
15 you if you could review those photos, please.

16 A. (Witness looking at photos.)

17 Q. Have you seen those photos before?

18 A. I have, ma'am.

19 Q. Are they a fair and accurate depiction of the  
20 Home Depot boxes that you seized that night?

21 A. They are.

22 Q. And what was that date again?

23 A. That was December 23rd, 2008.

24 MS. OLLILA: Your Honor, may the ID be  
25 stricken on 5h-1, 5h-2 and 5h-3 and these exhibits be

1 entered as full exhibits.

2 THE COURT: Any objection?

3 MR. SHEKETOFF: No objection.

4 THE COURT: 5h-1, 2 and 3 are full exhibits.

5 (Government's Exhibit 5h-1, 5h-2, and  
6 5h-3 admitted.)

7 MS. OLLILA: Diane, would you please pull up  
8 5h-1.

9 Q. Trooper Keane, if you look to your left you  
10 should see a picture on the monitor. Do you see a  
11 picture on the monitor?

12 A. I do, ma'am.

13 Q. What is it the jury is looking at in this  
14 photograph?

15 A. The location is the Framingham barracks which  
16 is off of Route 9. That's inside the barracks. Those  
17 boxes are the boxes I seized from Mr. Allain's vehicle  
18 that contain marijuana.

19 Q. Please put up 5h-2. Who's the guy in this  
20 picture?

21 A. That's me, ma'am.

22 Q. Did law enforcement often pose with drugs they  
23 seize?

24 A. Sometimes they do, but this was my first  
25 seizure of that amount.



1 Q. Are you proud of that?

2 A. I am.

3 Q. Are you sorry that you posed with the  
4 marijuana?

5 A. No, I'm not.

6 Q. Okay, thank you. Please pull up 5h-3.  
7 Trooper Keane, what is the photograph that the jury is  
8 looking at now in 5h-3?

9 A. That is the vehicle that I had stopped that  
10 Mr. Allain was driving at the time. If the hatch of the  
11 Nissan Quest was closed, those were the boxes I spoke of  
12 earlier that I witnessed inside the car.

13 Q. Do you mind, Trooper Keane, stepping off the  
14 witness stand. I'm going to give you some gloves  
15 because I want you to open one of these boxes.

16 What I'd like you to do, Trooper Keane, is  
17 just, I want you to take out just five bags that are  
18 located in one of these boxes and put them on that table  
19 over there if you don't mind, sir. Five of these bags.

20 A. (Witness doing so.)

21 Q. There is some writing on these bags. Were  
22 these bags inventoried by law enforcement?

23 A. They were, ma'am.

24 Q. Let me show you what is a bag. There is a  
25 number written across the top, M39. Law enforcement

1 didn't put that number there, did they?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Was it there on the marijuana when it was  
4 seized?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Do the vast majority of these bags have the  
7 number M39 on them?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Do you know what M39 is?

10 A. I don't.

11 Q. Okay. I'll ask that you put the marijuana  
12 back.

13 Now, Trooper Keane, I will ask if you stand  
14 here with me, please, and I'm going to show you by  
15 pointing to the exhibit and the exhibit number.

16 This first box is 5j-1. Would you agree with  
17 that?

18 A. Yes, ma'am.

19 Q. The second box is 5j-2. Would you agree with  
20 that?

21 A. Yes, ma'am.

22 Q. The third box is 5j-3. Would you agree with  
23 that?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. This fourth box is 5j-4. Would you agree with

1 that?

2 A. Yes, ma'am.

3 Q. The fifth box is 5j-5. Would you agree with  
4 that?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. This sixth box is 5j-6. Would you agree with  
7 that?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And unfortunately we left 5j-7 in the vault,  
10 but let me show you this. 5j-8, would you agree with  
11 that?

12 A. Yes, ma'am.

13 MS. OLLILA: Your Honor, I ask that the ID be  
14 stricken on all of these exhibits and they be entered  
15 into full evidence.

16 MR. SHEKETOFF: No objection.

17 THE COURT: All right, so 5j-1 through J-6 are  
18 full exhibits as well as J-8.

19 (Government's Exhibit 5J-1 thru 5j-6  
20 and 5j-8 admitted.)

21 MS. OLLILA: That's all I have for Trooper  
22 Keane.

23 THE COURT: All right. Attorney Sheketoff.

24 CROSS-EXAMINATION

25 BY MR. SHEKETOFF:

1 Q. Just one question. What was the traffic  
2 violation?

3 A. Following too closely, sir.

4 Q. Following too closely. You were going to stop  
5 that car as soon as you saw any traffic violation of any  
6 kind?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. You basically agreed to do that with whatever  
9 agency gave you have the call?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Okay. And this was following too closely?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Thank you, trooper.

14 THE COURT: Trooper Keane, you're free to  
15 leave.

16 THE WITNESS: Thank you, ma'am. Have a nice  
17 day.

18 MS. OLLILA: May we proceed, your Honor?

19 THE COURT: You may.

20 MS. OLLILA: The United States calls New  
21 Hampshire State Police Trooper Michael Berntsen.

22 THE CLERK: Please remain standing, raise your  
23 right hand.

24 MICHAEL BERNTSEN

25 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

1 THE CLERK: Please be seated. For the record,  
2 please state your name spell your last name.

3 THE WITNESS: Michael Berntsen,  
4 B-E-R-N-T-S-E-N.

5 THE CLERK: Thank you.

6 DIRECT EXAMINATION

7 BY MS. OLLILA:

8 Q. Good morning, trooper.

9 A. Good morning, ma'am.

10 Q. How are you employed?

11 A. I'm a state trooper with the state of New  
12 Hampshire. I've been a state trooper since 2005. I've  
13 been a full time law enforcement officer in the state of  
14 New Hampshire since 1999.

15 Q. What is the area you patrol currently?

16 A. Currently I cover southern 89 from Warner to  
17 the 89 junction.

18 Q. What was the area you covered as a New  
19 Hampshire State Police Trooper in May of 2009?

20 A. At that time I was assigned to the Gang Unit.  
21 It was a partnership detail with Manchester Police  
22 Department. I was working the Manchester area.

23 Q. Did you get a call from law enforcement to  
24 assist?

25 A. I did.

1 Q. And what did you do?

2 A. I was told to be on the lookout for a vehicle  
3 that was under surveillance that was believed to have  
4 drugs in it. And I was given the plate, it was a black  
5 Dodge Charger, I believe it was black, and we ended up  
6 finding that vehicle on Hooksett Road in Hooksett.

7 Q. Let me just stop you for a moment. I'm going  
8 to ask you, trooper, to look at the monitor on your  
9 left.

10 MS. OLLILA: And Diane, if you would pull up  
11 17h-2.

12 A. Yes, ma'am.

13 Q. Do you recognize the photograph?

14 A. Yes, ma'am.

15 Q. What is depicted in the photograph?

16 A. That is a picture of the Dodge Charger in  
17 question. It's in the Manchester Police Department  
18 garage where their evidence is kept.

19 Q. When you first located it near Hooksett, what  
20 did you do?

21 A. We followed it and observed it for violations,  
22 and as we were going up Hooksett Road I noticed that the  
23 vehicle took a right into the K-Mart parking lot and  
24 failed to use its required turn signal, so we activated  
25 our lights and stopped the vehicle in the parking lot.

1 When we were approaching the vehicle I also noticed that  
2 it appeared to be unregistered. The registration  
3 sticker showed that it expired.

4 Q. Were you going to follow that vehicle until  
5 you saw it engage in some violation?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And you did; correct?

8 A. Yes, ma'am.

9 Q. So what did you do at that point?

10 A. We stopped the vehicle in the parking lot, and  
11 I approached the vehicle and spoke with the operator, a  
12 Michael Gardner, and I asked him for his license and  
13 registration.

14 Q. And what happened then?

15 A. He gave me his license and registration and,  
16 it wasn't the registration, it was a rental agreement.  
17 The car was actually rented by a Cory Buchanan --  
18 Buchan, excuse me, not by Michael Gardner. I noticed  
19 that. And I told the gentleman why I had stopped him.  
20 I went back to my car after that and ran a record check  
21 on him and on the plate to the vehicle. The vehicle was  
22 actually registered, it just hadn't been, Enterprise  
23 Rent-a-Car hadn't put the stickers on the plate, and Mr.  
24 Gardner had a valid license.

25 Q. What did you do then?

1           A.     I went back up and I advised him that I was  
2 going to give him a warning for the violation that I  
3 observed in that the plate was actually registered, and  
4 I asked him for consent to search the vehicle.

5           Q.     Did he give you consent?

6           A.     He did not.

7           Q.     And then what happened?

8           A.     I explained to him that he had the right to  
9 refuse to the consent for the vehicle search and that if  
10 he wished to, that I was going to, refuse that is, I was  
11 going to request a K9, a drug K9 come to the scene and  
12 do a search of the vehicle.

13          Q.     And did a K9 show up at the scene?

14          A.     Yes. Trooper First Class Ralston's dog Ozzie  
15 came to the scene. It's a certified dog for drugs.

16          Q.     Do you happen to know what toy Ozzie gets when  
17 he detects narcotics?

18          A.     No.

19          Q.     What happened when the K9 got there?

20          A.     He did a search of the vehicle from the  
21 exterior, and he is a passive alert dog, so he sits down  
22 when he alerts on a vehicle, and he did alert on the  
23 vehicle, he sat down.

24          Q.     You said he's a passive alert dog. Is there  
25 some other kind of K9?



1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And what are they?

3 A. There's the active alert dogs. Rather than  
4 sitting down and being stationary they tend to scratch  
5 at the area in question, and I've even seen some dogs  
6 actually bite in the area, but Ozzie was passive.

7 Q. And so did Ozzie alert to the presence of  
8 narcotics in the vehicle?

9 A. He did.

10 Q. And then what happened?

11 A. I told Mr. Gardner that the dog had alerted to  
12 the vehicle and I would be applying for a search warrant  
13 to search the vehicle and that he was free to go if he  
14 wished, and he was subsequently picked up in another  
15 part of the parking lot by someone else.

16 Q. Did you know who that someone else was who  
17 picked him up?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Okay. Did you apply for a search warrant?

20 A. I did.

21 Q. And was it granted?

22 A. Yes. Concord District Court Judge Gerard  
23 Boyle signed the search warrant the next day.

24 Q. And what did you do?

25 A. We executed the search warrant that afternoon,

1 and upon checking the vehicle in the trunk we found two  
2 black hockey bags filled with marijuana.

3 Q. Let me show you what has been entered into  
4 full evidence as 17h-4, 17h-5, 17h-6, 17h-7, 17h-8,  
5 17h-9 and 17h-10.

6 Trooper, I'd ask that you review those  
7 photographs.

8 A. Yes, ma'am

9 Q. Do you recognize those photographs, trooper?

10 A. Yes, ma'am, that's from the vehicle in  
11 question and the black bags in question.

12 Q. Are those photographs a fair and accurate  
13 depiction of the marijuana at the time it was seized?

14 A. Yes, ma'am.

15 MS. OLLILA: Diane, please pull up 17h-4.

16 Q. Trooper, if you look at your monitor, do you  
17 see the image depicted in 17h-4?

18 A. Yes, ma'am.

19 Q. What is that image of?

20 A. It's an image of the bag in question in the  
21 trunk, or one of the bags right there.

22 Q. Please pull up 17h-5. What is the image  
23 depicted in 17h-5?

24 A. There are both bags sitting on the Manchester  
25 Police Department basement garage door.

1 Q. And please pull up 17h-6. Trooper, what is  
2 depicted in this photograph?

3 A. It's a little lock that was on the zippers to  
4 the bag in question.

5 Q. Were both bags locked?

6 A. I believe so, yes.

7 Q. And please pull up 17h-10. What is the image  
8 depicted in 17h-10, trooper?

9 A. That's all the marijuana.

10 Q. Now, trooper, I'd ask that you step down from  
11 the witness stand and put on some gloves, please.

12 A. Yes, ma'am.

13 Q. Was the marijuana taken out of those duffle  
14 bags?

15 A. It was.

16 Q. Was the marijuana tested?

17 A. It was.

18 Q. Did it test positive for the presence of  
19 marijuana?

20 A. It did.

21 Q. How much, the approximate weight?

22 A. About a hundred pounds.

23 Q. So trooper, I'm showing you what has been  
24 marked as 17g-1. Do you see that number?

25 A. I do.

1 Q. Do you agree that that's the number that the  
2 exhibit is marked?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. And let me show you what has been marked as  
5 17g-2. Do you see that number?

6 A. Yes, ma'am.

7 Q. And do you agree that that is the exhibit  
8 number?

9 A. Yes, ma'am.

10 Q. What are these two exhibits?

11 A. They're bags of marijuana.

12 Q. Is this the marijuana that you seized on that  
13 date?

14 A. Yes, ma'am.

15 MS. OLLILA: Your Honor, I'd ask that the ID  
16 be stricken on 17g-1 and 17g-2 and it be entered into  
17 full evidence.

18 MR. SHEKETOFF: No objection.

19 THE COURT: All right, 17g-1 and 2 are full  
20 exhibits.

21 (Government's Exhibit 17g-1 and 17g-2  
22 admitted.)

23 Q. And you said that it was a hundred pounds;  
24 correct?

25 A. Yes, ma'am.

1           Q.    What I'd like you to do in one of these bags  
2 is just take out five of them, trooper, and put them on  
3 this table because I want you to hold them up.

4           A.    Okay.

5           Q.    Now, for each of these bags I want you to take  
6 them one at a time and hold it up in front of the jury.

7           A.    Okay.

8           Q.    Now, there's a word here. Let me just turn it  
9 around. There's a word on this bag. What does it say?

10          A.    It looks like the abbreviation for regular.

11          Q.    Did law enforcement write that?

12          A.    I don't know.

13          Q.    Okay. You didn't write it?

14          A.    I did not.

15          Q.    Okay. Pick up another bag. Put that one  
16 aside. Show the jury. Is there a word on that bag?

17          A.    Yes, ma'am.

18          Q.    And what is that word?

19          A.    It is again the abbreviation for regular.

20          Q.    Okay. You can put that one down. Third bag?

21          A.    Same, abbreviation for regular.

22          Q.    Fourth bag?

23          A.    Same, marijuana, regular.

24          Q.    And the fifth bag?

25          A.    And it's the same.

1           Q.    I'll ask that you put the marijuana back in  
2   this bag.  Thank you, trooper.

3           MS. OLLILA:  I have no further questions of  
4   this witness, your Honor.

5           THE COURT:  All right.  Attorney Sheketoff.

6           MR. SHEKETOFF:  I have no questions.

7           THE COURT:  All right.  Trooper Berntsen,  
8   you're excused.

9           THE WITNESS:  Thank you, ma'am.

10          THE COURT:  And now we're going to take a very  
11   brief break to stretch your legs and we'll have you  
12   right back.

13          (Jury exited the courtroom.)

14                   BEFORE THE JURY

15          THE COURT:  Attorney Ollila, call your next  
16   witness.

17          MS. OLLILA:  Thank you, your Honor.  The  
18   United States calls Massachusetts State Trooper David  
19   Walsh.

20          THE CLERK:  Please remain standing and raise  
21   your right hand.

22                   DAVID WALSH

23          having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

24          THE CLERK:  Please be seated.  For the record,  
25   please state your name and spell your last name.

1 THE WITNESS: Trooper David Walsh, W-A-L-S-H.

2 THE CLERK: Thank you.

3 DIRECT EXAMINATION

4 BY MS. OLLILA:

5 Q. Good morning, Trooper Walsh.

6 A. Good morning.

7 Q. How are you employed?

8 A. I am a trooper with the Massachusetts State  
9 Police.

10 Q. How long have you been a trooper with the  
11 Massachusetts State Police?

12 A. Approximately 11 years.

13 Q. And generally what do you do as a trooper?

14 A. Currently I'm assigned to the Logan Airport  
15 task force where we handle drug interdiction and general  
16 investigation.

17 Q. What does that mean? Are their drugs coming  
18 in and out of Logan Airport?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. How big is the drug interdiction team at Logan  
21 Airport?

22 A. I have five people in my office, but we also  
23 get help from outside agencies.

24 Q. How were you employed on April 4, 2009?

25 A. I was a trooper assigned to field services in

1 a marked state police cruiser.

2 Q. What does that mean, field services?

3 A. I basically patrolled Route 93 and 495 and  
4 213, the northern area of Essex County in Massachusetts.

5 Q. Did you receive a call and asked for  
6 assistance?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. What happened?

9 A. I received a call from I believe Lieutenant  
10 Quinn of the, at the time the cross border initiative  
11 team, and he informed me that a car was possibly going  
12 to be coming through my patrol area carrying a large  
13 amount of money, to be on the lookout for that car.

14 Q. And did you see that car?

15 A. Yes, I did.

16 Q. Do you remember the make and model?

17 A. It was a gray Nissan Altima.

18 Q. What did you do when you saw it?

19 A. I was actually on Route 93 south in the  
20 Andover stretch and I was conducting speed enforcement  
21 with a calibrated light unit. I pointed the light unit  
22 at that vehicle, got two readings, one being 81 miles an  
23 hour, one being 75 miles per hour in a posted  
24 65-mile-per-hour zone.

25 Q. What did you do?



1           A.     I activated a traffic stop and pulled the  
2 vehicle over shortly after.

3           Q.     Then what happened?

4           A.     I exited my cruiser. I approached the  
5 driver's side of the vehicle, identified myself,  
6 identified the operator and the passenger, and explained  
7 the reason for the stop.

8           Q.     What happened?

9           A.     At that point I noticed in the back of the  
10 vehicle behind the driver a black bag containing what  
11 appeared to be a large amount of U.S. currency.

12          Q.     Did you ask the driver about the currency?

13          A.     I did.

14          Q.     And what was the driver's response?

15                 MR. SHEKETOFF: Objection.

16                 MS. OLLILA: Not for the truth of the matter,  
17 judge. It's not offered for the truth of the matter.  
18 To show the reaction. To show the reaction by this  
19 individual.

20                 THE COURT: Overruled.

21          Q.     Okay.

22          A.     I asked the driver about the large amount of  
23 money and she denied knowledge of it.

24          Q.     Trooper, I'm showing you Government's Exhibit  
25 13d-1, d-2, d-3, d-4 and d-5, and these exhibits have

1 already been entered into full evidence. I'd ask that  
2 you review those exhibits.

3 A. Yes, I recognize it.

4 Q. And what are those exhibits?

5 A. This is multiple bundles of U.S. currency in  
6 elastic rubber bands.

7 Q. Is that the currency that was located in that  
8 vehicle?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Did you seize the currency?

11 A. Yes, I did.

12 MS. OLLILA: Diane, please pull up 13d-1.

13 Q. And trooper, I'd ask that you direct your  
14 attention to the monitor on your left. What is the  
15 picture that the jury is looking at now?

16 A. That is a black duffle bag and a couple of  
17 plastic Foot Locker shopping bags.

18 Q. Please pull up 13d-2. What is the image  
19 depicted in 13d-2?

20 A. The same four bags opened and you can see  
21 bundles of U.S. currency inside.

22 Q. Please pull up 13d-3. What is the image  
23 depicted in 13d-3?

24 A. The four bags, and again, bundles of U.S.  
25 currency.

1           Q.     And finally, please call up 13d-5.   And,  
2     trooper, what is this image?

3           A.     Those are the bundles of U.S. currency that we  
4     placed on the table at the Andover barracks in  
5     preparation of counting it.

6           Q.     How much money was seized that day?

7           A.     I would have to refresh my memory with my  
8     report.

9           Q.     Would your report refresh your recollection?

10          A.     Yes.

11          Q.     Let me show you what has been marked as  
12     Government's Exhibit 13c for identification.

13          A.     At the time I estimated it to be over  
14     \$100,000, and I believe after counting it it was 19490.

15          Q.     Thank you, trooper.

16                 MS. OLLILA:   I have nothing further, your  
17     Honor.

18                 THE COURT:   Anything?

19                 MR. SHEKETOFF:   I have no questions.

20                 THE COURT:   All right, Trooper Walsh, you're  
21     excused.

22                 THE WITNESS:   Thank you, your Honor.

23                 MS. OLLILA:   Judge, may we approach sidebar  
24     for this next witness for a moment?

25                 THE COURT:   You may.

1 AT SIDEBAR

2 MS. OLLILA: I asked the marshals to bring  
3 down Jon Venturini. He's the first co-conspirator who  
4 is going to testify. He's not down here yet. I said  
5 15 minutes ago he'll be on about 15, 20 minutes, so  
6 we're just waiting for him to get down here.

7 THE COURT: Oh, you mean when you say get down  
8 here --

9 MS. OLLILA: He's in custody, Jon Venturini.

10 THE COURT: Oh, I got you. Do you know the  
11 status? Do we know the status?

12 MS. OLLILA: Of Jon Venturini?

13 THE COURT: Where they are?

14 MS. OLLILA: Yes, they should be bringing him  
15 down.

16 THE COURT: Okay. So he's here, we're just  
17 waiting.

18 MS. OLLILA: They are transporting him, yes.

19 THE COURT: Great. Okay. Anything else while  
20 I have you?

21 MS. OLLILA: Excuse me, judge?

22 THE COURT: Anything else while I have you?  
23 Do you want to put anything on the record for instance?

24 MR. SHEKETOFF: One thing, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Yes.

1 MR. SHEKETOFF: The co-conspirator statements  
2 that have been given to me have redactions in them, and  
3 my sister says they are personal identifiers of some  
4 sort or other, but I've never seen them. I'd like to at  
5 least see them. If she doesn't want me to see them, I'd  
6 like you to at least see them so that I can be assured  
7 that there's nothing there that I should have seen.

8 THE COURT: I would have liked to have heard  
9 that argument in advance of the witness. I would have  
10 certainly indulged you. I would have looked at them for  
11 you. But at this point, how long have you had them?

12 MR. SHEKETOFF: The redacted?

13 MS. OLLILA: Since January 2015.

14 MR. SHEKETOFF: It's true, but there are many  
15 of the witness statements, except for Sweeny's maybe  
16 were given to me, not me, but turned over a long time  
17 ago, but that there are redactions in the statements  
18 that are given long before they have to be given, would  
19 I consider it a courtesy to give them at all is one  
20 thing. It's when you get on the eve of trial and you  
21 get the Giglio and Jencks and there are still redactions  
22 in them, that's another thing. But I haven't, before  
23 the trial started, I knew that there were redactions,  
24 but typically the prosecutor will at least show me what  
25 the redactions are. If it's something that, I mean

1 typically there aren't redactions, but if there are  
2 redactions and it's just personal stuff, I'm not going  
3 to take notes of it, I just want to see it.

4 MS. OLLILA: Judge --

5 THE COURT: Okay, how many pages are we  
6 talking about?

7 MR. SHEKETOFF: We're talking about half a  
8 paragraph.

9 THE COURT: Is that it?

10 MS. OLLILA: Yes.

11 THE COURT: Is there any reason why you can't  
12 just show it to him?

13 MS. OLLILA: None. I don't have it here, but  
14 judge, just for the record, I feel like I'm being  
15 sandbagged. He's had that statement for eight months.  
16 It would have taken one phone call, when he came to the  
17 U.S. Attorney's Office three weeks ago to look at the  
18 exhibits, if he would have said something then he could  
19 have reviewed it. So, it will -- we can take a time out  
20 and I can go and get it.

21 THE COURT: How about this. Can you have  
22 someone get it for you and bring it and then just show  
23 it to him before he begins his cross?

24 MS. OLLILA: Well, I can't because no one  
25 knows where it is. I know where it is in my office,

1 judge, sorry.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Could you tell somebody  
3 where it is and tell them to get it for you?

4 MS. OLLILA: Yes.

5 THE COURT: Do that.

6 MS. OLLILA: That's a good --

7 THE COURT: Why don't we see if you can send  
8 your incredibly apt paralegal to go pick it up, and then  
9 that way he can at least look at it, glance at it and be  
10 comfortable that it is nothing that he needs to know.

11 MS. OLLILA: There are, what I told counsel,  
12 he asked me about Nicholas Champagne, and what I have  
13 redacted with Nicholas Champagne's statement is the name  
14 of his wife and his child and where his family members  
15 reside. That's what I redacted from Nicholas Champagne.

16 On Jonathan Venturini, I redacted the same  
17 information about his family members, but there is also  
18 a paragraph that Jon Venturini was redacted because it  
19 involved an ongoing investigation.

20 I'm happy to share it with him, and I could  
21 have done this a long time ago.

22 THE COURT: Okay. I doubt it's sandbagging  
23 just based on my experience, limited experience, but  
24 experience with Mr. Sheketoff, my sense is that he on  
25 some level was expecting something out of this, this to

1 be released to him. So if you could in a way be very  
2 cooperative and open with him and allow him to see this  
3 before his cross --

4 MS. OLLILA: Sure.

5 THE COURT: -- and make that happen for me.

6 MR. SHEKETOFF: Thank you, judge.

7 MS. OLLILA: Will you give me a minute to  
8 speak to the paralegal?

9 THE COURT: I absolutely will. And is Mr.  
10 Venturini here? All right. And you're going to make  
11 your objection with respect to?

12 MR. SHEKETOFF: Co-conspirator.

13 THE COURT: Can you do that now or do you want  
14 to wait until he begins?

15 MR. SHEKETOFF: Well, it's up to you, your  
16 Honor. Do you want to do it at the sidebar?

17 THE COURT: We might as well and save the  
18 jury's time.

19 MR. SHEKETOFF: Since this is the first  
20 co-conspirator to actually testify, I want to save my  
21 rights to co-conspirator hearsay. I'm not sure he's  
22 going to offer any, but to the extent that he does, I  
23 want to object. And I think we said in a lobby  
24 conference that this would preserve my rights as opposed  
25 to me standing up every time he's asked a question about



1     what somebody else told him who's allegedly in the  
2     conspiracy, and so the trial will go smoother, but I  
3     have a standing objection to hearsay. And I think we  
4     said at the lobby conference if I have something other  
5     than it's just a, I don't think it meets co-conspirator  
6     hearsay, if I have something special to say about it I  
7     will have to stand up and object and make that other  
8     grounds known to the Court.

9             THE COURT: That's correct. And we can note  
10     and adhere that standing objection with Mr. Venturini,  
11     Mr. Champagne, Mr. Fowle.

12            MS. OLLILA: And Mr. Sweeney.

13            THE COURT: And Mr. Sweeney. And then I will  
14     reserve ruling until I have heard all the testimony, and  
15     then I will make a finding, a Petrozziello finding at  
16     the end of the evidence.

17            MR. SHEKETOFF: Thank you, judge.

18            MS. OLLILA: Thank you.

19            THE COURT: All right, thank you.

20                    BEFORE THE JURY

21            MS. OLLILA: May I have a moment, your Honor?

22            THE COURT: You may.

23                    (Pause.)

24                    (Jonathan Venturini testimony previously  
25     transcribed under separate cover.)

1 (Jury exited the courtroom.)

2 THE COURT: Be back at 11:15.

3 (Recess)

4 THE COURT: Attorney Ollila.

5 MS. OLLILA: Thank you very much. The United  
6 States calls Paul Poirier.

7 THE CLERK: Please remain standing and raise  
8 your right hand.

9 PAUL POIRIER

10 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

11 THE CLERK: Please be seated. For the record,  
12 state your name and spell your last name.

13 THE WITNESS: My name is Paul Poirier,  
14 P-O-I-R-I-E-R.

15 DIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MS. OLLILA:

17 Q. Good morning, sir.

18 A. Good morning.

19 Q. How are you employed?

20 A. I am a sergeant with the State Liquor  
21 Commission, Division of Enforcement and Licensing.

22 Q. What do you do as a sergeant with the State  
23 Liquor Commision?

24 A. I'm in charge of the Special Investigations  
25 Unit, the Criminal Intelligence Unit, and I do a lot of

1 different things. One of our responsibilities is to  
2 investigate illegal gambling at any of our licensed  
3 establishments.

4 Q. Sir, what did you do, do you have a prior life  
5 than law enforcement?

6 A. I did.

7 Q. And what was your prior life in law  
8 enforcement?

9 A. I've been in law enforcement for 29 years. I  
10 was a police lieutenant with the Merrimack Police  
11 Department where I retired in 2010 after 24 years.

12 Q. You were at the Merrimack, New Hampshire  
13 Police Department for 24 years?

14 A. Yes, I was.

15 Q. And what was your rank at the Merrimack Police  
16 Department?

17 A. I retired as a lieutenant there.

18 Q. What did you do at the Merrimack Police  
19 Department?

20 A. Majority of my career I did a lot of  
21 undercover work. I was assigned to the Narcotics Unit.  
22 I actually worked in the Narcotics Unit for 12 years. I  
23 was assigned to the Attorney General's Office for a  
24 period of two years as an undercover investigator  
25 investigating narcotics crimes throughout the state of

1 New Hampshire. I was also assigned to DEA for a period  
2 of four years, two separate two-year stints on the task  
3 force as the lead investigator. I've also been assigned  
4 to the United States Marshal's office on two occasions  
5 on a fugitive task force. And I also ran the problem  
6 oriented policing unit with the Merrimack Police  
7 Department where we investigated all types of crimes,  
8 narcotics, vice crimes, robberies, burglaries, things of  
9 that nature.

10 Q. What does it mean to be an undercover law  
11 enforcement officer?

12 A. It means you've almost got to lead a double  
13 life, so to speak, when it comes to your employment. In  
14 other words, you have to be a police officer, but you  
15 also have to act in an undercover role. You have to  
16 change your appearance. You have to act sort of like  
17 the people that you are investigating. If you're  
18 investigating drug dealers, you sort of got to look like  
19 that, you got to act like that.

20 Q. How many cases do you think you have  
21 participated on, how many drug cases as an undercover  
22 law enforcement officer?

23 A. Well over a thousand cases over my career.

24 Q. Now, you're obviously clean cut. Did you look  
25 clean cut when you were an undercover law enforcement

1 officer?

2 A. I didn't always look clean cut, no, I used to  
3 change my appearance. At one point I had very long  
4 hair. I would have a goatee or a beard. Other times I  
5 was clean shaven depending on whatever the operation  
6 called for.

7 Q. And as an undercover law enforcement officer  
8 how many times do you think you have purchased  
9 controlled substances?

10 A. Hundreds of times.

11 Q. What is it, why do undercover law enforcement  
12 officers purchase controlled substances from targets?

13 A. They purchase it to obtain the evidence.

14 Q. Do you know the concept known as a  
15 confidential informant?

16 A. I do.

17 Q. What is the difference between a confidential  
18 informant or a CI versus an undercover law enforcement  
19 officer?

20 A. An undercover informant, CI, is an individual  
21 who more times often than not they are working off  
22 charges or there's a reason why they're participating  
23 with law enforcement, usually on other occasions because  
24 they are getting paid by law enforcement, other times  
25 it's for retribution. But an undercover law enforcement

1 officer is doing it as a role, he's acting as a role as  
2 part of his employment.

3 Q. This may be obvious but I want to ask it  
4 anyway. When you were an undercover law enforcement  
5 officer and you were attempting to buy controlled  
6 substances, have you ever been asked by the person  
7 selling the substance to you to use it in front of them?

8 A. Yes, I have.

9 Q. And have you ever done that?

10 A. I have never done that ever.

11 Q. And how do you get around that? Isn't that  
12 the easiest way to ferret out a law enforcement officer?

13 A. Yes, it is. It's an easy way to try to ferret  
14 out who the officer is and if he's a law enforcement  
15 officer. Usually it's part of your training and you  
16 usually plan for that. So you need to come up with some  
17 type of story as to why you're not going to do the  
18 drugs.

19 Q. And have you always been successful?

20 A. Yes, I have.

21 Q. When you act as an undercover law enforcement  
22 officer, do you ever go out alone?

23 A. No, never.

24 Q. Why?

25 A. It's just for safety reasons.

1           Q.     When you go into a house in order to purchase  
2     drugs as an undercover law enforcement officer,  
3     approximately how many individuals are backing you up on  
4     surveillance?

5           A.     It could be anywhere, depending on your  
6     agency, your department, it could be anywhere from two  
7     to three guys up to a dozen guys.

8           Q.     What happens if you get in trouble while  
9     you're inside or trying to purchase drugs?

10          A.     If you get in trouble?

11          Q.     Yes.   If something happens, if you're  
12     discovered?

13          A.     If you're discovered, you better hope your  
14     backup, the other officers know about it and they'd come  
15     in and assist you.

16          Q.     Has it ever happened to you?

17          A.     That's never happened to me, no.

18          Q.     How would they know, if you are inside a  
19     residence, how would your backup officers know? Do you  
20     wear something on your body?

21          A.     More than likely you're going to be wearing a  
22     transmitter also known as a body wire, and the officers,  
23     the backup officers or surveillance officers are going  
24     to be monitoring that.

25          Q.     So you have a body wire on you?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And the surveillance officers can hear the  
3 body wire; is that correct?

4 A. That is correct.

5 Q. And do you have a code word if you get in  
6 trouble, are you supposed to say the code word?

7 A. Yes, you are.

8 Q. And can you give an example of that?

9 A. There's many different examples. I remember  
10 one example we would just say help, or we would come up  
11 with, you know, we would say a color, or we'd come up  
12 with some type of phrase that we all knew, all the  
13 backup officers knew that if I was in trouble or the  
14 undercover was in trouble, if you heard this phrase,  
15 that it was time for them to come in and assist you.

16 Q. So you have acted as an undercover law  
17 enforcement officer purchasing drugs on many, many  
18 occasions obviously?

19 A. Hundreds of occasions, yes.

20 Q. And so with the Liquor Commission, were you  
21 tasked with also purchasing drugs working for the Liquor  
22 Commission?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Let me back up and ask you. Did you  
25 participate in an investigation starting in or around



1 2012 of a place known as Amory Street House of Pizza?

2 A. Yes, I did.

3 Q. And just very briefly what did the  
4 investigation involve?

5 A. It involved the owner and his son who owned  
6 Amory Street Pizza who had some electronic video  
7 gambling machines at that location and information  
8 received was that the son was also involved in  
9 distribution of drugs.

10 MR. SHEKETOFF: Objection, your Honor.

11 MS. OLLILA: I'll strike that, judge.

12 MR. SHEKETOFF: Thanks.

13 THE COURT: Sustained.

14 Q. Did you go into Amory Street House of Pizza as  
15 an undercover law enforcement officer?

16 A. Yes, I did.

17 Q. And did you go alone?

18 A. No, I did not.

19 Q. Was there another undercover officer with you?

20 A. Yes, there was.

21 Q. And who was that?

22 A. Investigator Gregory Nye.

23 Q. Every time you went into Amory Street House of  
24 Pizza was the other investigator, Gregory Nye, with you?

25 A. Yes, he was.

1           Q.    How long would you serve in an undercover  
2 capacity.  A year, a month, two years?

3           A.    That particular investigation we were over two  
4 years.

5           Q.    Why so long?  Did something happen in the  
6 middle?

7           A.    Yes.  We actually initiated the gambling  
8 investigation at that location and we were about to  
9 execute a search warrant when I learned from state  
10 police that they were conducting a rather large  
11 investigation, drug investigation involving that  
12 establishment and the owners of that establishment.  So  
13 at that point we decided to not execute the search  
14 warrant in fear that it would hinder their  
15 investigation.  And so we actually hopped on board, so  
16 to speak, with state police and got involved in their  
17 investigation as well.

18          Q.    Okay.  Let me show you what has been marked  
19 and entered into full evidence as Government's Exhibit  
20 43p-1.  Do you recognize what that photograph is of,  
21 sir?

22          A.    Yes.  That is Amory Street House of Pizza in  
23 Manchester.

24               MS. OLLILA:  Diane, will you please pull up  
25 43p-1.

1 Q. Could you please describe to the jury what it  
2 is they're seeing in this exhibit?

3 A. The one-story building with the Amory Street  
4 Pizza sign is the establishment we're speaking of. The  
5 pickup truck belongs to the owner.

6 Q. Who was the owner?

7 A. Cornelius Nakos.

8 Q. And do you know whether he has any relation to  
9 the defendant, Alkis Nakos?

10 A. I know that it's his father.

11 Q. And he's the owner, Cornelius is the owner of  
12 Amory House of Pizza?

13 A. Yes, he is.

14 Q. Sir, do you see Alkis Nakos in the courtroom  
15 today?

16 A. Yes, I do. He's sitting at the defense table  
17 with his attorney.

18 Q. Could you please describe an article of  
19 clothing that he's wearing?

20 A. Gray suit with a gray shirt and striped tie.

21 MS. OLLILA: May the record reflect the  
22 witness has identified the defendant Alkis Nakos.

23 THE COURT: The record will so reflect.

24 Q. Over the course of you acting as an undercover  
25 law enforcement officer, how long would you estimate,

1     how many hours would you estimate you have spent inside  
2     Amory Street House of Pizza?

3           A.     I was in that location over 50 times, and we  
4     would spend anywhere between, from a half hour to just  
5     over two hours each time. On average we'd spend about  
6     an hour each time in there. I'd say I was in there at  
7     least 50 or 60 hours.

8           Q.     While you were in there did you ever hear the  
9     phone ring and someone place an order for a pizza or a  
10    sub?

11          A.     No.

12                 MR. SHEKETOFF: Objection, your Honor.

13                 THE COURT: Overruled.

14          Q.     Did you ever hear the phone ring and have an  
15    order for a pizza or sub be placed?

16          A.     No, I didn't. I never heard an order being  
17    placed for a pizza or a sub.

18          Q.     Have you ever seen a family while you were  
19    there enter that establishment and order food and sit  
20    down and eat it?

21          A.     No, not once.

22          Q.     Have you ever seen pizza being made and  
23    delivered out of that establishment?

24          A.     No, I have not.

25          Q.     All right, I have a question for you. Early

1 on in the investigation did inspector, Investigator Nye  
2 order a pizza?

3 A. Yes, he did.

4 Q. Why would he do that?

5 MR. SHEKETOFF: Well, objection.

6 THE COURT: Sustained.

7 Q. Was a pizza made?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did you eat it?

10 A. I did.

11 Q. How was it?

12 A. Not very good.

13 Q. Who made the pizza?

14 A. Alkis Nakos made it for us.

15 Q. How many individuals would come into the  
16 establishment while you were there on any given night?

17 A. Again, it depended on the time of day. It  
18 could be anywhere from zero to maybe four or five. Not  
19 very many at all.

20 Q. When individuals would come in, would they sit  
21 down and eat food?

22 A. No.

23 Q. What were they doing?

24 A. They were either gambling on the video poker  
25 machines or just having, drinking beer, mainly drinking

1 beer.

2 Q. So there was alcohol served there; is that  
3 correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Now, as an undercover law enforcement officer  
6 are you allowed to have alcoholic beverages?

7 A. Yes, we are.

8 Q. And did you have alcoholic beverages?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. If you were there for more than an hour or  
11 two, how many alcoholic beverages would you have?

12 A. I would have no more than three. Our policy  
13 indicates that as an undercover you're to have no more  
14 than three, one per hour. And typically if I was there  
15 I would either dump it out in the urinal, I typically  
16 wouldn't drink it, I would pretend like I was drinking  
17 it.

18 Q. Why would you even have a drink at all?

19 A. You have to not to raise suspicion. You need  
20 to blend in. If you just sit there and have a water  
21 they're going to question who you are, you know, what  
22 you're doing there. People that go there mainly are  
23 drinking beer and playing the electronic machines.

24 Q. Okay. And so you said you would never order  
25 more than three. And would you drink those alcohol

1 beverages?

2 A. No, I would not.

3 Q. What would you do?

4 A. I would empty it in the urinal.

5 Q. How would you do that, you carry your drink  
6 into the bathroom?

7 A. Yes, I would.

8 Q. Would you please pull up 43p-2. What is this  
9 a photograph of that the jury can see?

10 A. This is another angle of Amory Street House of  
11 Pizza.

12 Q. If you wanted to gain entry into Amory Street  
13 House of Pizza, how would you gain entry?

14 A. Through the doorway right there by the  
15 windows.

16 Q. Is it to the far part of the right of the  
17 picture?

18 A. Yes, it is.

19 Q. Was there any other way to gain access into  
20 that restaurant?

21 A. There is a back door, but it's not typically  
22 used by patrons to go in and out.

23 Q. Would you please pull up 43p-4. What is  
24 depicted in 43p-4?

25 A. These are the three electronic video gambling

1 machines.

2 Q. How much would an individual have to place  
3 into each machine if he or she wanted to use it in order  
4 to gamble?

5 A. You needed to place at least one dollar and it  
6 takes denominations of between a 1 and a \$20-bill. So a  
7 1, 5, 10 or 20.

8 Q. Please pull up 43p-7. Sir, what is it that  
9 the jury sees in this photograph?

10 A. That's the pantry area, the kitchen area of  
11 the restaurant.

12 Q. There is food there. Can you see the food?

13 A. Barely. I can see some things on the shelf.  
14 Looks like a carton of eggs. And I can't make out what  
15 everything is, but yeah, there's a few things on the  
16 shelf.

17 Q. You said that the owner was Alkis Nakos's  
18 father; correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And what is his name again?

21 A. Cornelius Nakos.

22 Q. Did you see him every time you went into the  
23 establishment?

24 A. No, not every time.

25 Q. Did you see Alkis Nakos when you went into the



1 establishment?

2 A. No, not every time.

3 Q. What percentage of time was Alkis Nakos there?

4 A. I'd say maybe 20 percent of the time.

5 Q. Did you ever see Cornelius eating any food in  
6 the establishment?

7 A. Yes, I've seen Cornelius make himself some  
8 food, a lunch, a soup. He would make himself food.

9 Q. Do you recall the date, the first time you  
10 went into Amory Street House of Pizza?

11 MS. OLLILA: And Diane, please pull up 43p-2.

12 Q. Do you recall the date, sir?

13 A. I believe it was around August 29th, 2012.  
14 Somewhere around there.

15 Q. Okay. And what was the purpose you first  
16 entered in August of 2012, what was your investigation,  
17 what was your plan?

18 A. Our plan was to conduct a gambling  
19 investigation into the machines and to see if we could  
20 actually play the machines and get a payout. The  
21 machines themselves are not illegal, but the fact that  
22 individuals who own these machines are paying out  
23 patrons, that's the illegal part. So we went in there  
24 in an undercover capacity with hopes of being able to  
25 get paid out from these machines.

1 Q. Were you present at Amory Street Pizza on  
2 September 6, 2012?

3 A. Yes, I was.

4 Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked only  
5 for identification as 43b. What happened on that date,  
6 if you remember, September 6, 2012? Who was in there  
7 when you walked in?

8 A. Alkis Nakos was in there.

9 Q. Did you have a conversation with him?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Do you recall whether or not that was the  
12 first time you had met him or had you met him before?

13 A. That was the first time I actually met him,  
14 yeah.

15 Q. And how did it go, how long did you stay in  
16 there?

17 A. We were in there for it looks like, it looks  
18 maybe -- I can't really see because it's cut off, I'm  
19 sorry, and I don't recall exactly.

20 Q. Okay. Was it over an hour?

21 A. It was over an hour.

22 Q. Did you go back to that establishment on  
23 March 21, 2013?

24 A. I believe we did.

25 Q. Let me show you what is marked only for

1 identification as 43c. Do you recognize what 43c is?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. What is it?

4 A. This is a surveillance report and a report  
5 regarding our visit on that particular date.

6 Q. Who authored that report?

7 A. This one is authored by me.

8 Q. Okay. Is it your common practice after you  
9 engage in an undercover law enforcement capacity to  
10 write a report about what you saw and what you heard?

11 A. Yes, it is.

12 Q. Why is that necessary?

13 A. To refresh your memory for trial and for your  
14 investigation.

15 Q. How long do you wait after you leave an  
16 establishment before you write the report?

17 A. I try to write them that night if possible, if  
18 it's not too late, or I write them the next day. I  
19 certainly make notes as soon as I leave there.

20 Q. Why is that?

21 A. So that I try to remember everything that  
22 occurred inside of the establishment.

23 Q. When you went in on March 21st, 2013, who was  
24 present there, if you remember?

25 A. Alkis Nakos was there.

1           Q.     Before you went in, is it common practice for  
2 you to make note of vehicles located on the outside of  
3 areas you're going to enter?

4           A.     Yes, we try to do some pre-surveillance prior  
5 to entering.

6           Q.     Why?

7           A.     For our own intelligence purposes and for  
8 safety reasons as well.

9           Q.     Did you do that before you entered on  
10 March 21st, 2013?

11          A.     Yes, we did.

12          Q.     What did you see? Were any vehicles parked  
13 outside?

14          A.     Yes, we saw a white Mercedes SUV with New  
15 Hampshire registration plates, and we later determined  
16 that it was --

17               MR. SHEKETOFF: Well, objection. He answered  
18 the question, your Honor, and now he's --

19               THE COURT: Sustained.

20          Q.     Did you go in?

21          A.     Yes, we did.

22          Q.     Who was there?

23          A.     Alkis Nakos was there.

24          Q.     Was anyone else there?

25          A.     Yes. There was a female there. His

1 girlfriend.

2 Q. Did you speak with Alkis Nakos?

3 A. I did.

4 Q. And what did you talk to him about?

5 A. We started talking about gambling. He had  
6 mentioned Foxwoods and how he was a high roller at  
7 Foxwoods and told us that management actually knew him  
8 quite well and that they often raised the table amounts  
9 for him to buy in and which also discourages other  
10 players to sit down at the table because they know he's  
11 a high roller and he spends a lot of money at the  
12 tables.

13 Q. Did he talk about travel at all during that  
14 conversation on March 21st, 2013?

15 A. Yes, he did.

16 Q. What did he talk about with respect to travel?

17 A. Well, he talked about how he often made trips  
18 to Foxwoods. And he talked about, I believe there's a  
19 time he actually talked about going to Canada, making  
20 frequent trips to Canada.

21 Q. Where in Canada?

22 A. Montreal.

23 Q. Did he mention anything about having friends  
24 there?

25 A. Yes. He said he had a very good friend there

1 who was well-respected and well-known. He indicated  
2 that the police knew him quite well and that when he  
3 goes there and visits this individual, they will go out  
4 to some strip clubs and to a particular club called Opus  
5 he mentioned. He said they frequented that place. In  
6 fact, he talked about a story where he had gone there  
7 one time and apparently he was driving a not so nice  
8 vehicle and was trying to get a valet and couldn't get a  
9 valet, and then the valet recognized his friend and his  
10 friend pointed at the valet, recognized who he was, and  
11 immediately parked the car for the two of them.

12 Q. Did he mention how he met that friend?

13 A. Yes. He said he met him when he was in state  
14 prison.

15 Q. Did he mention the nationality of his friend?

16 A. He said his friend was Greek.

17 Q. Did he talk at all about any motor vehicles he  
18 had at that time?

19 MR. SHEKETOFF: Well --

20 MS. OLLILA: Actually, strike that, judge.

21 MR. SHEKETOFF: If he has a failure of memory,  
22 your Honor, I have no problem with him refreshing his  
23 memory, but he's reading the report on the witness stand  
24 in anticipation of questions.

25 THE COURT: Okay. All right, fair enough. It

1 might take a little longer to do it that way, but keep,  
2 you can ask him the question, establish a foundation,  
3 have whatever, if he says it will refresh his memory,  
4 have it nearby and he can refer to it.

5 Q. Sir, how many reports do you think that you  
6 generated during the course of your investigation?

7 A. A hundred reports.

8 Q. Is it possible for you to memorize every  
9 single one of your reports?

10 A. No, it's not.

11 Q. Is it possible for you to know everything that  
12 was said during a particular day?

13 A. No, it is not.

14 Q. And you're looking at something that you have  
15 in your hand. What exhibit are you looking at?

16 A. 14-93-01 or 43c.

17 Q. And why are you looking at it. Is it helping  
18 you to refresh your recollection about the conversation?

19 A. Yes, it is, it's helping refresh my  
20 recollection for that particular date, yes.

21 Q. Okay. All right. This is what I want to do.  
22 I want to ask you before you talk about these dates,  
23 March 22nd, 2013, did you go to Amory Street House of  
24 Pizza?

25 A. Yes.

1           Q.    Can you tell this jury right now exactly  
2 everything that happened when you were there on  
3 March 22nd, 2013?

4           A.    No, I cannot, not without refreshing my memory  
5 by reading my report.

6           Q.    Is there something that would help to refresh  
7 your recollection?

8           A.    My report.

9           Q.    Let me show you what is marked as Government's  
10 Exhibit 43c. And I'm going to ask you to read that  
11 report, and let me know when you're finished if your  
12 recollection has been refreshed.

13          A.    Okay.

14          Q.    Take your time, please.

15          A.    I'm a slow reader. Bear with me.

16          Q.    That's okay.

17               (Witness reading report.)

18           THE COURT: While the sergeant is reading his  
19 report I'm just going to explain to the jury that  
20 witnesses cannot read from a report like that as  
21 testimony. What happens is, as you just heard, if a  
22 witness can't remember something, they're permitted to  
23 review a document that they think might help them. But  
24 it isn't proper for a witness to literally read from the  
25 document, but to the extent they need to refer to it,



1 they absolutely can, so that's the reason for this  
2 requirement. Go ahead.

3 Q. Have you read that document?

4 A. I have.

5 Q. Now if, when I ask you a question, if you  
6 can't remember, what I want you first to say is I don't  
7 remember if that happened and may I please refer to my  
8 report again. Okay?

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. What date are you referring to?

11 A. March 22nd, 2013.

12 Q. Did you go into Amory Street House of Pizza?

13 A. Yes, I did.

14 Q. Who was there?

15 A. Alkis Nakos.

16 Q. Was anyone else there?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Did you have a conversation with Alkis Nakos?

19 A. Yes, I did.

20 Q. And did you talk at all about Canada?

21 A. Yes, we did.

22 Q. And what was the conversation?

23 A. We started talking about Canada and he had  
24 asked me if I had checked out an escort cite that he had  
25 told me about. I told him I had not had time to check

1 it out yet, but I was intending on checking it out. It  
2 was a service that he used and he talked about a  
3 specific girl named Olivia that he had seen before that.  
4 We then started talking about, I told him that I had  
5 been to Montreal with my cousin. That my cousin had an  
6 airplane and often flies into Montreal.

7 Q. Is that true?

8 A. It is not true. It was a story that I came up  
9 with.

10 Q. And why did you come up with that story?

11 A. I came up with that story to see what his  
12 response was going to be.

13 Q. Were you aware at the time when you said that  
14 that the New Hampshire State Police were conducting a  
15 drug investigation about Alkis Nakos?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And were you aware that the drug investigation  
18 involved Canada?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And the receipt of marijuana from Canada?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Okay. So you come up with a story that a  
23 cousin of yours flies planes in Canada. Is that  
24 correct?

25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. And what else did you say?

2 A. I told him that I had an aunt who lived there,  
3 the pilot's mom, and that he often flies up there to  
4 visit her. And that in response he had asked if we had  
5 to go through customs when we flew into Canada. He said  
6 that the one time that he had actually flown into Canada  
7 he had to go through customs. And I told him that there  
8 was no need to go through customs, that we could just  
9 fly over the border into a small airport where there was  
10 no air traffic control.

11 Q. Did he mention anything about the Hell's  
12 Angels in Canada?

13 A. Yes, he did.

14 Q. What did he say?

15 A. He mentioned that the Hell's Angels in Canada  
16 were the real deal and that they were nothing like the  
17 Hell's Angels in Manchester and that they were the real  
18 deal is what he said.

19 Q. Did someone, while you were there, did someone  
20 enter that appeared to know Alkis Nakos?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Who entered?

23 A. He was identified as Andre Watson.

24 Q. What happened when Andre Watson came in, and  
25 by the way, what does Andre Watson look like?

1           A.     He's an African American male, I'd say in his  
2     early thirties, muscular built, bald head.

3           Q.     What happened when Andre Watson came in, and  
4     how did you identify him?

5           A.     I obtained his license plate and that's how I  
6     was able to actually identify him as well as Alkis Nakos  
7     introduced him as Andre to us.

8           Q.     So you get his plate, his license plate, and  
9     you run his plate, and do you see his New Hampshire  
10    driver's license?

11          A.     Yes, I do.

12          Q.     You see a picture of him?

13          A.     Yes, I do.

14          Q.     And you confirm that that person depicted in  
15    the New Hampshire driver's license is in fact the Andre  
16    Watson that was introduced to you as Andre Watson?

17          A.     That's correct.

18          Q.     Did Andre Watson embrace Alkis Nakos when he  
19    came in?

20          A.     Yes. As soon as he walked into the  
21    establishment Alkis walked from behind the bar, met in  
22    the middle of the floor and they hugged each other.

23          Q.     Is that when you were introduced?

24          A.     Yes, within that time frame I was introduced  
25    to him, yes.

1 Q. Did you out of the corner of your eye see  
2 Andre Watson do something with relation to you?

3 A. Yes. I was sitting at the bar as was  
4 Investigator Nye, and Alkis Nakos was behind the bar,  
5 and Andre was sitting at one of the tables, and out of  
6 the corner of my eye I saw him take a picture of me with  
7 his cell phone and the flash went off. I looked over  
8 quickly, and he put the phone down real fast and had a  
9 surprised look on his face like he was surprised the  
10 flash actually went off.

11 Q. What did you do at that point? Did you  
12 confront him with why he was taking your picture?

13 A. No, I did not.

14 Q. Why didn't you?

15 A. I didn't see a need to at that point and I  
16 didn't want to cause a confrontation, nor did I want to  
17 blow our cover so to speak, so, I didn't confront him on  
18 that.

19 Q. Did Alkis Nakos tell you how he met Andre  
20 Watson?

21 A. Yes, he did.

22 Q. How did he meet Andre Watson?

23 A. He said he had met him in state prison. He  
24 told us that Andre had actually killed a taxi driver  
25 driver, had stabbed her in the back multiple times when

1 he was a teenager and went to jail for a number of  
2 years.

3 Q. Do you know someone by the name of Kaylee?

4 A. Yes, I do.

5 Q. Who's Kaylee?

6 A. That is Alkis Nakos's girlfriend.

7 Q. Did she enter the restaurant at some point on  
8 March 22nd, 2013?

9 A. Yes, she did.

10 Q. Did you have a conversation with her?

11 A. Yes, I did.

12 Q. What did that conversation involve, what did  
13 she say?

14 A. I believe that conversation that particular  
15 day was about Canada and she told us that, she actually  
16 told me that her parents had owned a camp in Canaan,  
17 Vermont.

18 MR. SHEKETOFF: Objection, your Honor, what  
19 she said.

20 THE COURT: Hearsay?

21 MR. SHEKETOFF: Yes.

22 MS. OLLILA: Co-conspirator statement, judge.

23 801(b)(2)(E) --

24 THE COURT: All right, conditionally admitted.

25 THE WITNESS: She told me that her parents

1 owned a camp in Canaan, Vermont, near the Canadian  
2 border, and that they liked to go camping up there and  
3 she said that they were going to build a camp there  
4 soon.

5 Q. Do you recall how long you stayed at the  
6 restaurant that day?

7 A. I don't recall, but I think that particular  
8 day we had some good conversations with Alkis, so I  
9 believe we were there for probably a couple hours.

10 Q. Did you ever see anyone order pizza?

11 A. No, I did not.

12 Q. Did you order any food?

13 A. No, I did not.

14 Q. Did the phone ever ring where someone was  
15 ordering pizza?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did anyone come in and order anything from off  
18 the street?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Now, did you go back to Amory Street House of  
21 Pizza on March 26, 2013?

22 A. I believe I did.

23 Q. Do you recall as you sit there now exactly  
24 what happened that day?

25 A. No, I do not.

1 Q. Is there something that would help to refresh  
2 your recollection as to what happened on that day?

3 A. My report would refresh my recollection.

4 Q. Let me show you what has been marked as  
5 Government's Exhibit 43f for identification. Do you  
6 recognize what Government's 43f is?

7 A. Yes, this is my report.

8 Q. Sir, if you read your report, would that help  
9 to refresh your recollection about that day?

10 A. Yes, it would.

11 Q. Would you please take your time and read that  
12 report.

13 (Witness reading report.)

14 A. This particular report has my heading on it,  
15 but I believe this is Investigator Nye's report.

16 Q. Okay. And what is the --

17 A. I recognize the conversation and the gist of  
18 it.

19 Q. Okay. Did you bring your reports, Sergeant  
20 Poirier?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Where are your reports for that day?

23 A. They're on the bench over there.

24 MS. OLLILA: Judge, may I get those?

25 THE COURT: Yes, you may.



1 MS. OLLILA: I apologize for that.

2 A. Okay.

3 Q. Why don't you go through your reports and pull  
4 out the report that is dated March 26, 2013.

5 A. May I read it?

6 Q. Yes.

7 (Witness reading report.)

8 Q. Have you read your report, sir?

9 A. Yes, I have.

10 Q. After reading the report, has that helped to  
11 refresh recollection?

12 A. Yes, it has.

13 Q. If at any point in time I ask you a question  
14 and you can't remember, why don't you say so so that I  
15 can allow you to go back to your report.

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. Did you go into Amory Street House of Pizza  
18 March 26, 2013?

19 A. Yes, I did.

20 Q. Who was there when you entered?

21 A. Alkis Nakos.

22 Q. Did you see any vehicles parked outside?

23 A. I saw his 2011 Mercedes Benz SUV parked  
24 outside.

25 Q. Did you engage in a conversation with Alkis

1 Nakos?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And did you talk about Canada at all?

4 A. Yes, we did.

5 Q. And what was the conversation about Canada?

6 A. He asked us, he asked me how we can fly into  
7 Canada again without going through customs, and I  
8 explained to him that we fly right into Montreal and  
9 that there was no need to file a flight plan and that  
10 there was many small air fields around Montreal that we  
11 could just fly into.

12 Q. While you were engaging in conversation with  
13 Alkis Nakos did he bring up marijuana?

14 A. Yes, he did.

15 Q. And what did he say about marijuana?

16 A. He started talking about the different strains  
17 of marijuana and telling me that, you know, marijuana in  
18 Mexico is not as good as the marijuana from Canada.

19 Q. Did he say why?

20 A. May I refresh my memory and look at this?

21 Q. Yes.

22 (Witness reading report.)

23 A. He didn't specifically say, you know, why it  
24 was better.

25 Q. Okay.

1           A.     But he talked about different types of  
2 marijuana. He talked about hydroponic marijuana being  
3 grown around here by Asian individuals and how it's  
4 grown inside of homes. He also talked about how he and  
5 his friends used to smuggle marijuana from Canada into  
6 the United States with duffle bags of marijuana he  
7 actually said, and he said that they would follow the  
8 Indian trails through Canada to the U.S. border. He  
9 said that there was no barbed wire or nothing protecting  
10 the border from him crossing. Told me that he actually  
11 knows the Indian trails quite, quite well. But he said  
12 that they would actually either use the trails, he said  
13 he's done it with jet skis, snowmobiles, but he said  
14 now, he says now they're using tractor-trailers to bring  
15 the stuff in.

16           Q.     Did he say anything about how the smell of the  
17 marijuana is masked? Do you know what I mean when I  
18 mean masked? Hidden?

19           A.     Yes, I do know what you mean.

20           Q.     What did he say?

21           A.     May I refresh my memory?

22           Q.     Yes.

23                   (Witness reading report.)

24           Q.     Let me ask you a different question. You were  
25 just saying that he was indicating how the marijuana

1 would enter into the United States, and you mentioned  
2 ATVs. Did he ever say anything about boats or canoes?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What did he say?

5 A. He said canoes. He said that they would  
6 utilize canoes to get into the United States.

7 Q. Did he ever talk about how much money he,  
8 Alkis Nakos, would make off the top of each pound of  
9 marijuana?

10 A. Yes. He said at the time he was paying \$800 a  
11 pound and that he was making three to \$400 per pound as  
12 profit.

13 Q. Did he say if he had ever, did he talk to you  
14 about trips he had made to Montreal?

15 A. Yes. He said over the last year he's made at  
16 least five trips to Montreal.

17 Q. And did he ever mention that law enforcement  
18 had been watching he and his friends while they were in  
19 Canada?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. What did he say about that?

22 A. He said that he actually was with his Greek  
23 friend who is well-known in Montreal and that the police  
24 were watching him.

25 Q. Were watching who?

1           A.     Were watching his friend.

2           Q.     Okay.

3           A.     And as a result they got stopped and Alkis got  
4     arrested for being a felon in Canada. He said that they  
5     arrested him and they took \$10,000 cash off of him that  
6     he had on his person, and that when he got bailed, that  
7     they drove him to the, authorities drove him to the New  
8     York border and dropped him off.

9           Q.     Did you ask him if he was afraid of going back  
10    into Canada?

11          A.     I did.

12          Q.     And what was his response?

13          A.     He was afraid to go through customs. He  
14    wasn't afraid to go to Canada, but he was afraid to go  
15    through customs.

16          Q.     Did he say how he could get into Canada?

17          A.     He said he could take the Indian trails in.

18          Q.     Say that again, he can take the what?

19          A.     The Indian trails. He knows the trails quite  
20    well. He said he could get into Canada through the  
21    Indian trails.

22          Q.     Did he mention anything about being afraid to  
23    be with his friend in Canada again?

24          A.     He just said that he's afraid to be seen with  
25    him in Canada because the police are watching him.

1 Q. How long did you stay there on March 26, 2013?

2 A. I believe we were there for a couple of hours  
3 that evening. Yeah, we were there for just over two  
4 hours.

5 Q. Did you ever see anyone eating food there that  
6 day?

7 A. No, I did not.

8 Q. Did you eat food there that day?

9 A. No, I did not.

10 Q. Did the phone ring and anyone order pizza?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Did anyone leave that establishment with food  
13 in their hand?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Did you go to Amory Street House of Pizza on  
16 May 1st, 2013?

17 A. Yes, I did.

18 Q. Do you have an absolute recollection as to  
19 what happened in your mind on that date?

20 A. No, I do not.

21 Q. Would something help to refresh your  
22 recollection?

23 A. My report would.

24 Q. Okay. Let me show you what is marked as  
25 Government's Exhibit 43j, and I'd ask you to look at

1 this two-page document. Is that your document?

2 A. Yes, it is.

3 Q. Would it help to refresh your recollection if  
4 you reviewed it?

5 A. Yes, it would.

6 Q. Why don't you go ahead and review it.

7 (Witness reading report.)

8 THE COURT: While he's reviewing that could  
9 counsel approach.

10 AT SIDEBAR

11 THE COURT: Two questions. One, most  
12 importantly, the limiting instruction with respect to  
13 meeting his friend in prison, you're not disputing he  
14 was in prison, but I should still give them a limiting  
15 instruction at some point on that. Perhaps I could do  
16 it as part of my lunch break instruction, remind them of  
17 their --

18 MR. SHEKETOFF: Sure.

19 THE COURT: Okay. And Kaylee is the  
20 girlfriend or wife?

21 MS. OLLILA: Girlfriend.

22 THE COURT: Those statements, I'm not sure at  
23 all how those statements could be in furtherance of,  
24 unless she somehow is going to try to couple with  
25 Poirier and they're going to use him as part of this

1 drug ring. Maybe that's what you're going to tie  
2 together. But I didn't hear anything about -- she was  
3 talking about we have a camp in Canada, those statements  
4 didn't seem in furtherance of the conspiracy. Are you  
5 going to tie those together?

6 MS. OLLILA: I'm going to attempt to, judge,  
7 but certainly it's subject to striking if we do not tie  
8 it together.

9 THE COURT: Okay, well, can you tell me now.  
10 It's close in their mind, Kaylee they might remember. I  
11 would prefer if I'm going to end up striking it to  
12 strike it closer in time, but I'm not seeing how you tie  
13 the statements she made to him.

14 MS. OLLILA: Right. We don't have  
15 information, judge, that she is, we don't have direct  
16 information that she is a co-conspirator. We have  
17 circumstantial evidence that she's a co-conspirator  
18 because she lives with him.

19 THE COURT: But you have to have those  
20 statements.

21 MS. OLLILA: Correct, in furtherance of the  
22 conspiracy. It's the United States' argument that she  
23 was a co-conspirator, and in identifying Nakos and the  
24 fact that her parents had a place on the border that  
25 they visited, that would be in furtherance of because it



1 shows that she has a connection to the Canadian border  
2 and that they travel up there.

3 THE COURT: Okay, but in furtherance of the  
4 conspiracy, the purpose of the statement has to be to  
5 further the conspiracy. So is she trying to engage  
6 Poirier who she thinks is a, perhaps a potential dealer,  
7 is she trying to engage him or --

8 MS. OLLILA: And I think that's what she would  
9 say. By the way, judge, all the case law says that the  
10 in furtherance of can be something as simple as  
11 identifying a fellow co-conspirator. It doesn't have to  
12 further, doesn't have to push the conspiracy along.

13 THE COURT: I understand that, I understand  
14 that, but just being a co-conspirator is not going to  
15 get the statement in. I trust that you're going to tie  
16 it back together.

17 MS. OLLILA: Sure. Well, obviously we'll try,  
18 judge, but on her it is circumstantial evidence. We  
19 don't have direct evidence that she's dealing drugs, we  
20 don't have direct evidence. It's circumstantial. She's  
21 there, she's with him all the time. She knows what's  
22 going on. So, I mean --

23 THE COURT: I don't think you'll have a  
24 problem with prong one nor prong two during time frame,  
25 but in furtherance of I'm stuck on.

1 MS. OLLILA: Exactly. I have one scheduling  
2 issue too, judge.

3 THE COURT: Yes.

4 MS. OLLILA: We are flying along. We will be  
5 done our case by Monday morning at the latest. I  
6 foresee doing closings and charge on Monday, so that is  
7 to say that I might run out of witnesses today. I have  
8 Nicholas Champagne and two quick witnesses after.  
9 Attorney Sheketoff just is not doing the cross I had  
10 anticipated that he would do, so we may end up, I know  
11 that you said only half an hour for lunch today, but we  
12 may end up early, judge, and I apologize for that. I've  
13 already now scheduled --

14 THE COURT: Nick Champagne will take some  
15 time.

16 MS. OLLILA: Yeah, oh sure, sure.

17 THE COURT: I think we might be okay. Might  
18 be able to let them leave early.

19 MS. OLLILA: Sure, sure, good.

20 THE COURT: All right, good. Excellent.  
21 Thank you.

22 BEFORE THE JURY

23 Q. Okay, sir, have you reviewed that report?

24 A. Yes, I have.

25 Q. And what date are you referring to?

1 A. It's May 1st of 2013.

2 Q. And did you go into that restaurant, Amory  
3 Street House of Pizza?

4 A. Yes, I did.

5 Q. Did you see anyone once you were in there?

6 A. Yes, I saw Alkis Nakos.

7 Q. Did you have a conversation with Alkis Nakos?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And what did the conversation consist of?

10 A. Alkis Nakos had greeted me when I walked in  
11 and he asked me about the vehicle I pulled up in, asking  
12 me if it was my new car and asking me how much I paid  
13 for it.

14 Q. And was it your car?

15 A. It was my state undercover vehicle, yes.

16 Q. What kind of car was it?

17 A. It was an Infinity SUV.

18 Q. Why did you bring an Infinity SUV there?

19 A. Well, I knew that Alkis Nakos liked sporty  
20 vehicles, sport utility vehicles, so I figured that  
21 would be a good conversation starter.

22 Q. And was it a good conversation starter?

23 A. Yes, it was. He actually asked if he could  
24 look at it. So the two of us went outside and I opened  
25 the door up. He looked inside, looked at the vehicle,

1       commented about the navigation system and just how he  
2       liked the vehicle.

3           Q.     Did he show you his vehicle?

4           A.     Yes.   Then after we got done doing that he  
5       offered to show me his Mercedes which was parked out  
6       front.   He actually opened up the driver's door, offered  
7       me to sit inside, which I did.   He commented that he  
8       didn't like it, he thought it was too small, that his  
9       True Religion jeans were caught in the seats of the  
10      Mercedes.   He was complaining about his jeans.

11          Q.     His what jeans?

12          A.     True Religion.   It's a brand name, expensive  
13      pair of jeans.

14          Q.     How do you know that?   Do you have a pair of  
15      True Religion jeans?

16          A.     I don't own any True Religion jeans, but I  
17      also have a second job.   I work asset protection for  
18      Saks Fifth Avenue in Boston, and I know that those jeans  
19      cost anywhere from two to \$400 a pair, so I'm very  
20      familiar with those jeans.

21          Q.     While you were with Alkis Nakos did he talk  
22      about special ordering the vehicle?

23          A.     Yes, he talked about ordering another Mercedes  
24      Benz which he said was going to cost \$150,000.

25          Q.     Did he say how long it would take to order?

1           A.     I believe he said it was going to take up to a  
2     year to order.

3           Q.     Did you go back in on May 7, 2013, and --  
4     actually strike that. Can we just go back to May 1st,  
5     2013. How long were you there, approximately?

6           A.     I was there over an hour. We also talked  
7     while I was there, too, about a Mercedes that he had  
8     purchased for his mother that he had paid \$16,000 for.

9           Q.     So he, in addition to the Mercedes that was  
10    outside and in addition to the Mercedes he was going to  
11    special order, he told you about what other Mercedes?

12          A.     He said he bought a Mercedes Benz for his  
13    mother, because I brought up Mother's Day which was  
14    coming up and asked him what he was going to do for his  
15    mother. And he was upset at his mother and I asked him  
16    why, and he said he bought her a \$16,000 Mercedes Benz  
17    and when he went with her to pick it up, he also brought  
18    her to the Motor Vehicle Department to register it and  
19    she had expected him not only to pay for her car that he  
20    bought, but wanted her -- wanted him to pay for her  
21    registration, so he was upset about that.

22          Q.     Okay. Now, on May 7, 2013, did you go back?

23          A.     Yes.

24          Q.     By the way, on May 1st did you eat food there?

25          A.     No, I did not.

1 Q. Did you see anyone eat food there?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Did you hear the phone ring and have anyone  
4 order pizza?

5 A. No.

6 Q. Did you see anyone leave the restaurant with  
7 any food?

8 A. No, I did not.

9 Q. May 7th you go back in?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You have an independent recollection as you  
12 sit there right now what happened on May 7, 2013?

13 A. No, I do not.

14 Q. Would something help to refresh your  
15 recollection?

16 A. My report would help.

17 Q. Let me show you what's marked as Government's  
18 Exhibit 43k for identification and I'll ask if you  
19 recognize this report?

20 A. That is my report from that particular date.

21 Q. Would you please read it.

22 (Witness reading report.)

23 Q. Now that you have read it, has your  
24 recollection been refreshed?

25 A. Yes, it has.

1 Q. Did you go into the restaurant on May 7, 2013?

2 A. Yes, I did.

3 Q. Who was there?

4 A. Alkis Nakos and his girlfriend Kaylee.

5 Q. Did you have a conversation with them?

6 A. I did.

7 Q. What did you talk to Alkis Nakos about?

8 A. First talked about the new Mercedes that was  
9 parked out front.

10 Q. Was this a different Mercedes than you had  
11 seen on May 1st?

12 A. Yes, it was.

13 Q. And what was the Mercedes parked out front on  
14 this date, May 7, 2013?

15 A. It was a brand new Mercedes with a Holloway  
16 Dealership plate on it, and I talked to Alkis about it,  
17 and he told me that he had just picked it up, that he  
18 had turned in his other Mercedes which had \$5,000 left  
19 on the lease.

20 Q. Did he say how he paid for it. Was it check,  
21 cash, did he say?

22 A. He said he paid cash.

23 Q. All right. How long did you stay in the  
24 restaurant that day?

25 A. I believe it was just over an hour on that

1 particular day, yes.

2 Q. Did you see any food being served?

3 A. No, I did not.

4 Q. Anyone ordering any pizza?

5 A. No.

6 Q. By the way, when you go in, is it at night,  
7 during the day?

8 A. Both. I've gone in early afternoon, later in  
9 the evening.

10 Q. Have you gone in during the time where it  
11 would be common for a pizza establishment to have people  
12 ordering pizza?

13 A. Yes, I've gone in noontime, 1 o'clock. I've  
14 gone in 4, 5:00, 6 o'clock at night. Certainly around  
15 the time people would normally be eating lunch or  
16 dinner.

17 Q. Did you go back on May 10, 2013?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Do you have an independent recollection as to  
20 what happened during that day?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Is there something that could help to refresh  
23 your recollection as to what happened that day?

24 A. Yes, my report would.

25 Q. Let me show you your last report marked as 43L



1 for identification. Do you recognize what that report  
2 is?

3 A. Yes, that's my report from that particular  
4 date.

5 Q. Would you please read it.

6 (Witness reading report.)

7 A. This particular report, again, it's got my  
8 heading on it but this is Investigator Nye's report.

9 Q. Why don't you look at your paperwork and see  
10 if you have a report dated for the 10th, May 10, 2013?

11 A. I do. I have it here.

12 Q. Okay.

13 (Witness reading report.)

14 Q. Have you read your report?

15 A. I have.

16 Q. Is your recollection refreshed?

17 A. Yes, it is.

18 Q. Did you go in on May 10, 2013?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Who was present?

21 A. Alkis Nakos and Kaylee Couture.

22 Q. Did you have a conversation with Alkis Nakos?

23 A. I did.

24 Q. Did you have a conversation about another  
25 Mercedes?

1           A.     Yes. We had a conversation about the new  
2 Mercedes that was parked out front, and he indicated  
3 that he didn't like the last one that he got and that he  
4 had just got this 2014 E-Class, and he said it was a  
5 \$65,000 car and that he was leasing it for two years.

6           Q.     So the -- you had seen on March 7th, three  
7 days earlier, a different Mercedes out front; correct?

8           A.     That's correct.

9           Q.     So in three days there was a brand new  
10 Mercedes out front?

11          A.     That's correct.

12          Q.     What else did he talk about?

13          A.     He was talking about there was some custody  
14 issue. He was on the phone. It sounded like with --

15          Q.     Let me stop you there for a minute. Did  
16 someone come in at some point in time, Andre Watson?

17          A.     Yes, he did.

18          Q.     What happened when he came in?

19          A.     He had asked Andre Watson where he had parked  
20 his vehicle, and Andre said I parked it around the  
21 corner. And Alkis Nakos told him to go get it and park  
22 it out front, which he did.

23          Q.     At some point did Andre ask to take a test  
24 drive of Alkis Nakos's brand new Mercedes?

25          A.     Yes, he did, and Alkis Nakos threw him the

1 keys and Andre left the establishment and took off with  
2 the car, returning about 20 minutes later.

3 Q. Finally, sir, did you, when you enter an  
4 establishment do you take note of any sort of  
5 surveillance system the establishments might have?

6 A. Yeah, absolutely.

7 Q. Why do you do that?

8 A. We do that for, well, officer safety reasons,  
9 we do that for evidence reasons for later on down the  
10 road, we make note of all that, but we certainly want to  
11 know if we're being watched as well.

12 Q. Please pull up 43p-2. Did you take notice at  
13 Amory Street House of Pizza while you were in there  
14 whether or not it had a surveillance system?

15 A. I did.

16 Q. What did you notice?

17 A. I noticed that there had been a new  
18 surveillance system installed inside of the  
19 establishment. There were cameras at different areas of  
20 the establishment. I remember having conversations at a  
21 later date with Cornelius who told me that --

22 MR. SHEKETOFF: Objection.

23 MS. OLLILA: Let me strike that.

24 Q. The surveillance system that was there, do you  
25 recall how many cameras were throughout that facility?

1           A.     There were at least, I'd say at least three  
2     cameras on the inside and there were three or four  
3     cameras on the outside. I don't remember the exact,  
4     there were multiple cameras, and interesting enough none  
5     of them were pointing at the gambling machines.

6           MS. OLLILA: I have nothing further, your  
7     Honor.

8           THE COURT: Attorney Sheketoff, would you like  
9     -- we could break, take our lunch break now, and then  
10    start cross after that.

11          MR. SHEKETOFF: That would be fine, your  
12    Honor.

13          THE COURT: All right. Okay. We're going to  
14    take a brief lunch break.

15          THE WITNESS: All right.

16          THE COURT: Let me just speak briefly to the  
17    jury before your short lunch break.

18                Again, rather than repeat myself over and over  
19    I'm just going to remind you not to have any  
20    conversations with anyone at all about this case and  
21    don't do any sort of independent research or any kind of  
22    research at all about the case in any manner. Is that  
23    understood?

24                And let me also mention importantly that you  
25    have heard evidence that Mr. Nakos previously spent time

1 in prison. You may consider this for the purpose of  
2 deciding whether a relationship existed between Mr.  
3 Nakos and Mr. Leventis as alleged by the government.  
4 That is the only purpose for which you may consider  
5 evidence of Mr. Nakos's prior imprisonment. You must  
6 not speculate about why Mr. Nakos was in prison. You  
7 must not use that evidence to infer that because Mr.  
8 Nakos was in prison before it is more likely he  
9 committed the crimes charged in this case. Again, you  
10 may only consider this evidence for one very limited  
11 purpose, to decide whether a relationship existed  
12 between Mr. Nakos and Mr. Leventis as alleged by the  
13 government.

14 We will see you in 30 minutes.

15 (Jury exited the courtroom.)

16 THE COURT: Come back a little after one.

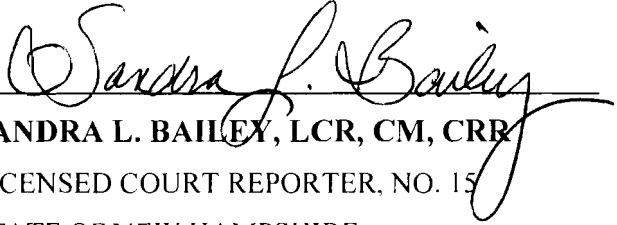
17 (Luncheon recess taken.)

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